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NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

A significant milestone in the ministry of Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI) India was celebrated from 26 to 28 May 2026 as leaders from across the nation gathered in Bangalore for the first ever NDI India National Council Election. This event marked an important step forward in strengthening discipleship ministries and advancing the mission of making Christlike disciples.

The gathering brought together pastors, district leaders, and ministry representatives who shared a common vision of equipping believers and fostering spiritual growth in local churches. The event provided an opportunity not only to elect national leadership but also to reaffirm the Church's commitment to intentional discipleship among children, youth, and adults.

The program was enriched by the ministry of several key leaders. Rev. Chad, NDI

Eurasia Regional Coordinator, spoke about the structure, purpose, and guiding principles of NDI. He shared practical insights and resources that can help churches effectively reach people through discipleship ministries and develop healthy systems for spiritual formation.

Rev. Dr. Sunil Dandge, India Field Strategy Coordinator, presented the vision and mission of NDI India. He challenged leaders to strengthen discipleship efforts within their local churches and districts, emphasizing the importance of intentionally investing in people so they may grow into mature followers of Christ. His message encouraged participants to view discipleship as the heart of the Church's mission.

Rev. Kuldeep Kumar, NDI India Children Ministry Coordinator, highlighted initiatives designed to reach and nurture children across the India Field. He shared updates on training programs, ministry resources, and opportunities that are helping equip teachers and strengthen children's ministries in local congregations. A major highlight of the gathering was the election of the first NDI India National Council. These leaders will work alongside district and local church leaders to strengthen Children's Ministry, Adult Discipleship Ministry, leadership development, and spiritual formation initiatives across the country.

NDI India requests believers across the nation to pray for the newly elected leaders and support their ministry. The success of this gathering stands as a testimony to God's faithfulness and His continued work through the Church of the Nazarene in India.

PASTORS' FAMILY MEET



Rev. Kuldeep Kumar

Surrounded by the scenic beauty of Dehradun's hills and greenery, 18 pastoral families from across the Himalayan District gathered for the 2nd Pastors' Family Meet 2026 from 7 to 9 May at Himalayan Torch Bearers, Uttarakhand. The peaceful setting provided an ideal environment for families to step away from the demands of ministry, spend quality time together, and experience spiritual renewal.

At a time when family values are facing increasing challenges around the world, and India is also experiencing growing pressures on marriages and family relationships, the Himalayan District demonstrated remarkable vision by investing in the



wellbeing of pastors and their families. Recognizing that strong churches are built upon strong families, the district organized this special gathering to encourage, equip, and strengthen those serving in ministry.

The district welcomed Rev. Pravin Samudre and his wife, Smruti Samudre, from FamilyOne Ministry, Pune, as the main resource persons. Through practical and Biblical teaching, they addressed marriage, parenting, communication, emotional connection, and maintaining a healthy balance between family life and ministry responsibilities. Rev. Dr. Sunil Dandge also ministered during the gathering, teaching on the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene and their practical application in ministry. His sessions encouraged pastors and their spouses to remain rooted in Nazarene theology while faithfully living out and communicating these Biblical truths in their churches and communities.

A special children's program led by Rev. Satish from Jammu provided Bible teaching, activities, and fellowship that helped children understand their identity in Christ and grow in their relationship with God.

Beyond the teaching sessions, the gathering created opportunities for fellowship, friendship, and mutual encouragement among pastoral families. Participants described the event as a joyful family festival where learning, worship, and fellowship came together. Pastor Aswani from Khatima shared that the meet renewed his commitment to prioritize family relationships, while Rev. Omprakash and his wife expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn and grow alongside other Nazarene families.

As the gathering concluded, families returned to their ministry fields refreshed and

encouraged. The Himalayan District leaders deserve appreciation for its commitment to strengthening pastoral families, recognizing that healthy families contribute to healthy churches and effective ministry. The lessons learned and relationships strengthened during these three days will continue to bear fruit in the lives of pastors, their families, and churches across the district.

IGNITE: SET YOUR LIFE ON FIRE FOR GOD

Mr. Carol Singh



In a time when many people question the commitment of today's younger generation, more than 95 young people from across the Delhi District gathered during May 2026 with a different purpose. They came not for entertainment or social media, but to seek God, grow in their faith, and renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

The Delhi District NYI successfully organized two one day youth retreats under the theme "IGNITE: Set Your Life on Fire for God", based on Romans 12:11, which encourages believers to remain spiritually passionate and serve the Lord with zeal.



The first retreat was held on 16 May 2026 at Bardarpur Church of the Nazarene for the New Delhi. Around 30 young people from different churches participated. The second retreat took place on 23 May 2026 for the Aligarh, where more than 65 youth from four churches gathered. Together, these retreats became powerful moments of spiritual renewal, fellowship, worship, and discipleship.

From the very beginning, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation. Young people actively participated in worship, Bible teaching, prayer sessions, group discussions, games, and team activities. What stood out most was their eagerness to learn, engage, and respond to God's call on their lives.

The retreats were led by Mr. Hanok Singh, Delhi District NYI President, whose passion for youth ministry was evident throughout the gatherings. Working alongside him was Mr. Carol Singh, District NYI Vice President, who provided valuable leadership and support. Together, they led meaningful worship experiences that challenged participants to draw closer to God and dedicate themselves fully to His service.

Adding energy and creativity to the retreats, Mr. Anurag David conducted games and interactive activities that helped participants connect the retreat theme with practical Christian living. Through teamwork and participation, the youth learned important lessons about faith, leadership, and serving others.

The retreats were organised under the guidance of District Superintendent Rev. Kingsley Jayakumar, whose encouragement and spiritual leadership helped create an environment where young people could encounter God in a personal way.

Many participants shared testimonies of how God spoke to them during the retreats. Several young people expressed a renewed passion for prayer, Bible reading, and serving in their local churches. Others spoke about finding direction for their future and experiencing a deeper sense of God's presence.

The positive response from participants has encouraged district leaders to continue organising similar retreats in other churches. Their prayer is that many more young people will experience God's transforming power and discover His purpose for their lives.



The Central Maharashtra District of Nazarene Youth International (NYI) India successfully organized the Nexus Core Training Program on 22 and 23 May 2026. The event brought together 30 young leaders and participants from across the district for a meaningful time of learning, worship, fellowship, and leadership development.

The two day training was designed to equip young people with a deeper understanding of identity, youth ministry, leadership, and personal growth. The sessions were led by Rev. Vijay Bhalerao, NYI Coordinator India, along with the support of district leadership.

The program began with worship and devotional sessions that helped participants prepare spiritually for the training. One of the key highlights was the introduction to the Nexus Curriculum, which focused on understanding self-identity, life journey, and the calling of young people in ministry. Through these sessions, participants were encouraged to discover their God given potential and understand their role in serving the Church and their communities.

Interactive activities such as one on one introductions, socialization exercises, team building games, and group discussions created an atmosphere of unity and fellowship among the participants. Sessions on Understanding Young People, Methods of Youth Ministry, and the Johari Window and Commitment encouraged the youth to reflect on their strengths, communication skills, relationships, and ministry responsibilities.

A special highlight of the training was the "Alone with God" prayer and reflection session conducted in an open space. This provided participants with an opportunity to spend personal time with God, seek His direction, and reflect on His calling for their lives and ministries.

The training concluded with portfolio discussions, assignments, and a closing challenge that encouraged every participant to become an active servant and leader in their local church and community. District leaders expressed their appreciation to all organizers, resource persons, pastors, and participants who contributed to the success of the event.

Under the leadership of Dr. Gaurav Chandrakant Mhaske, District NYI President, the Central Maharashtra District continues to invest in equipping and empowering young leaders for effective ministry and mission. The Nexus Core Training became an important step in preparing a generation of spiritually strong, mission focused, and Christ centered leaders who will serve the Church faithfully in the years to come.

CENTRAL MAHARASHTRA DISTRICT

Mr. Mushahid Khan



The Central Maharashtra District of the Church of the Nazarene continues to impact young lives through its commitment to children's ministry. During May and June 2026, several churches across the district successfully conducted Vacation Bible Schools, providing children with opportunities to learn God's Word, grow in faith, and enjoy Christian fellowship. These ministries were carried out under the leadership of District Superintendent Rev. P. D. Patil and the dedicated efforts of local pastors, teachers, and volunteers.



Peace Memorial Church of the Nazarene, CIDCO, conducted its Vacation Bible School from 28 to 30 May, followed by a special VBS Sunday on 31 May. A total of 67 children participated in Bible lessons, action songs, games, and memory verse activities. The younger children learned about God's call on Moses' life, while the older groups studied the conversion of Saul and his transformation into Paul, learning about his commitment to sharing the Gospel.



Prajakta Memorial Nazarene Church, Satara Parisar, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Chandrkant Mhaske, organized its VBS from 4 to 7 June with approximately 45 children participating. Through Bible lessons, worship, singing competitions, drama presentations, Scripture memorization, drawing activities, and team building games, children learned important lessons about faith, obedience, kindness, and service while discovering ways to use their God given talents for His glory.

Church of the Nazarene, Chikhli, led by Rev. Sachin Gaikwad, conducted its annual VBS from 26 to 30 May under the theme, "Your Word is a Lamp for My Feet, A Light on My Path" (Psalm 119:105). Fifty children were registered, with an average daily



attendance of 40. Through Bible teaching, action songs, crafts, quizzes, games, and memory verse recitations, children were encouraged to build their lives upon God's Word and follow Christ faithfully. The Central Maharashtra District expresses gratitude to all pastors, teachers,



volunteers, parents, and church leaders who faithfully served and invested in the spiritual growth of children.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



For ten days, the Washim Church campus echoed with the joyful sounds of children's laughter, worship songs, Bible verses, and enthusiastic participation as dozens of young lives gathered to learn about God's love. What began as a vacation activity became a meaningful spiritual journey that left a lasting impact on children, families, and church members alike.



Washim Church successfully conducted its Vacation Bible School (VBS) from 2 May to 11 May 2026, bringing together approximately 80 to 85 children for a time of learning, fellowship, creativity, and spiritual growth.

Designed to help children strengthen their faith and build a strong Biblical foundation, the VBS offered a variety of engaging activities throughout the ten day program. Children participated in Bible lessons, worship sessions, memory verse recitation, action songs, storytelling, games, craft activities, and group competitions. Each activity was carefully planned to communicate Biblical truths in a fun and meaningful way.

The success of the VBS was made possible through the dedicated efforts of teachers, volunteers, and church members who faithfully invested their time and energy into the lives of the children. Their commitment, patience, and love created a welcoming environment where every child felt valued and encouraged to participate.

Day after day, children arrived with excitement and anticipation, eager to learn new lessons from God's Word and spend time with their friends. The church campus was filled with energy as children actively engaged in every session, creating an atmosphere of joy and enthusiasm.

Special prayers were offered for the children and their families throughout the program. Parents expressed their appreciation for the church's efforts in providing a safe, meaningful, and spiritually enriching environment during the school vacation period.

The VBS concluded with a joyful closing ceremony on 11 May 2026. Children presented songs, Scripture verses, and special performances that reflected the lessons they had learned during the program. Certificates and small gifts were distributed to encourage and recognize their participation and achievements.



Church pastor Rev. Shashikant Zombade & church leaders expressed gratitude to all the teachers, volunteers, parents, and supporters whose contributions helped make the Vacation Bible School a success. More importantly, they rejoiced in seeing young hearts grow closer to God and develop a deeper understanding of His Word.



The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray



Samuel D. Gordon



1. **Pray** for the seeds of faith planted during VBS 2026, that they will bear lasting fruit in the lives of children as they follow Christ and shine for Him in their schools, homes, and communities.
2. **Pray** for all fathers, that they will be encouraged in their God given role, remain faithful in their walk with Christ, and leave a lasting legacy of faith for future generations.
3. **Pray** for all national and international leaders of the Church of the Nazarene, that God will guide them with wisdom and grace as they serve the Church and fulfill His mission throughout the world.
4. **Pray** for FSC and all District Superintendents of the India Field and their advisory boards, as they play an important role in extending the Kingdom of God.
5. **Pray** for all coordinators and their teams in the India Field as they spread the Word of God in different parts of the country.



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